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REF: A. KINSHASA 6820 (NOTAL), B. STATE 190594 (NOTAL)

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING COPPER PRODUCTION AND EXPORT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY AN UNOFFICIAL BUT RELIABLE SOURCE. SINCE THE GOZ IS NOT AWARE THAT WE POSSESS THESE FIGURES, WE URGE APPROPRIATE DISCRETION IN ANY CONVERSATION REGARDING THESE DATA.

(A) GECAMINES COPPER PRODUCTION

MAY: 34,996 MT

JUNE: 34,620 MT

JULY: 31,622 MT

FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1976: 238,000 MT

(B) GECAMINES COPPER EXPORTS (LOADINGS AT OCEAN PORTS)

MAY JUNE JULY

MATADI 18,665 MT 11,720 MT 19,712 MT

EAST LONDON 17,948 MT 24,310 MT 11,902 MT

DAR ES SALAAM 791 MT 2,700 MT 6,391 MT

BEIRA 1,885 MT 2,824 MT 132 MT

LOBITO 771 MT

TOTAL 39,239 MT 42,325 MT 38,137 MT

WHEN COMBINED WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EMBARKATION OF 137,418 MT THROUGH THE END OF MAY, THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS' EMBARKATIONS EQUAL 217,880 MT.

2. OBVIOUSLY A CRITICAL FACTOR IS THE SHIPPING PROCESS. THE AMOUNT OF COPPER SHIPPED FROM THE REFINERIES WAS 35,357 MT DURING MAY; 33,692 MT DURING JUNE; AND 33,595 MT DURING JULY. WE FEEL THIS INDICATES THAT THE SHIPPING BOTTLENECK HAS BEEN RESOLVED TO SOME EXTENT AND THE ROUGHLY 20,000 MT DIFFERENCE IN PRODUCTION AND EMBARKATION THROUGH THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS MORE OF LESS INDICATES THE LENGTHENING OF THE EXPORT LINE DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF BEIRA AND THE NECESSITY TO EXTEND THE EXPORT ROUTE TO EAST LONDON, SOUTH AFRICA.

3. IF ANNUALIZED, THE PRODUCTION FIGURES SHOWN IN PARA 2 WOULD INDICATE 1976 PRODUCTION OF 408,000 MT. IT IS CONCEIVABLE, HOWEVER THAT GECAMINES WILL INCREASE ITS PRODUCTION DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1976, DUE TO INCREASED FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND PETROLEUM SUPPLIES, COMPARED TO EARLY MONTHS OF 1976. THEREFORE, WE WILL ESTIMATE INCREASED SECOND HALF PRODUCTION, FOR A TOTAL 1976 GECAMINES COPPER PRODUCTION OF 420,000 MT.

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4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE SAME SOURCE THAT SGM PROJECTS ZAIRE'S NET REVENUES FROM GECAMINES' COPPER TO BE 25 BILLION BELGIAN FRANCS, WHICH WE ESTIMATE AT AROUND \$625 MILLION.

5. SODIMIZA'S CONCENTRATE PRODUCTION:

MAY: 8,684 MT

JUNE: 8,707 MT

JULY: 8,640 MT

SODIMIZA'S TOTAL PRODUCTION THROUGH END OF JULY: 61,146 MT
EXPORTS OF CONCENTRATE STOCKED IN BEIRA WERE 13,516 IN MAY AND
6,959 MT IN JUNE. EXPORTS OF CONCENTRATE VIA EAST LONDON WERE
9,417 MT IN JUNE. THESE FIGURES ARE CONCENTRATE AMOUNTS,
WHICH CONTAIN APPROX 34 PERCENT COPPER METAL. WE ESTIMATE
FROM THESE FIGURES THAT SODIMIZA WILL PRODUCE ALMOST 35,000 MT
OF COPPER CONTENT DURING 1976.

6. IN SUMMARY, WE ESTIMATE GECAMINES' COPPER PRODUCTION AROUND
420,000 MT AND SODIMIZA'S COPPER PRODUCTION NEAR 35,000 MT;
ZAIRE'S TOTAL PRODUCTION COULD REACH 455,000 MT. EXPORTS WILL
BE LOWER, OF COURSE. WE ESTIMATE ZAIRES COPPER EMBARKATIONS
WILL BE IN THE 415,000 - 435,000 MT RANGE CONSISTENT WITH THE
ESTIMATE CONTAINED IN REF A. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE FEEL 425,000
MT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE BASIS FOR COMPUTATION OF ZAIRES
EXPORT EARNINGS. AT \$0.67 PER POUND THAT VOLUME OF EXPORTS
WOULD EARN ZAIRES AROUND \$625 MILLION DURING 1976. SEPARATE
BOP ANALYSIS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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